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1. EAST GERMAN CENTRAL PRESS DEVOTED ARTICLES IN PAPERS OF JUNE 17 AND 18/19 TO THE BEIL VISIT/US-GDR AND GDR-US ECONOMIC COMMITTEES. JUNE 17 ARTICLE SAYS THE COMMITTEES MET FOR THEIR FIRST JOINT SITTING UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF BEIL AND OTTMAR. ARTICLE CONTINUES WITH A LIST OF EIGHT WELL-KNOWN FIRMS AND BANKS THAT ARE MEMBERS OF THE US COMMITTEE. ARTICLE CONTINUES TO SAY THAT BEIL MET WITH TREASURY UNDER SECRETARY SOLOMON, COMMERCE UNDER SECRETARY HARMAN, AND DAVID ROCKEFELLER. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY STATE SECRETARY STUBENRAUCH MET WITH UNION OIL BOARD CHAIRMAN FRED HARTLY.

2. JUNE 18/19 ARTICLE REPORTS SIGNING BY BEIL AND OTTMAR OF A WORK PROGRAM FOR THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEES. IT SAYS THE PROGRAM ENVISIONS EXCHANGE OF COMMERCIAL AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION; THE ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICES
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FOR MARKETING, AND PARTICIPATION IN FAIRS AND EXHIBITIONS. WORK PROGRAM PROVIDES IN ADDITION THAT COMMITTEES WILL WORK TOWARD EXPANSION F BUSINESS IN BOTH COUNTRIES AND IN THIRD MARKETS AND WILL WORK FOR THE GRADUAL ELIMINATION OF OBSTACLES TO TRADE.

3. ARTICLE CONTINUES WITH A BRIEF ACCOUNT OF A BEIL-

OTTMAR PRESS CONFERENCE; AND REPORTS SIGNATURE OF JOINT WORK PROGRAMS BY RESPECTIVE SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMEN FOR TRADE, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AND FINANCE. NEXT JOINT SITTING OF TRADE COMMITTEES IS SAID TO BE SET FOR LEIPZIG SPRING 1978 FAIR. REPORT CONCLUDES WITH A BRIEF REFERENCE TO A RECEPTION BY GDR AMBASSADOR SIEBER, ATTENDED BY "NUMEROUS REPRESENTATIVES OF GOVERNMENT AND THE ECONOMY" INCLUDING UNDER SECRETARY HARMAN.

4. COMMENT: AS EXPECTED, GDR PLAYED THE TRADE COMMITTEES STORY FAIRLY PROMINENTLY, AND STROVE TO LEAVE READERS WITH THE IMPRESSION THAT THE GDR HOBNOBS QUITE A BIT WITH THE TOP MANAGEMENT OF COMPANIES LIKE DOW CHEMICAL AND CHASE MANHATTAN. POLANSKY

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